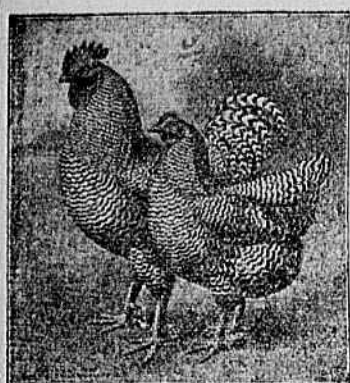


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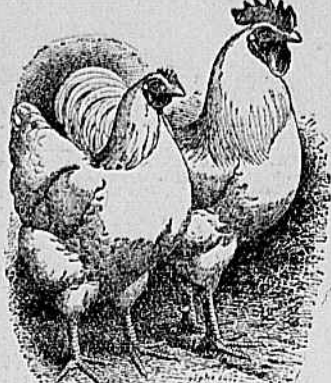
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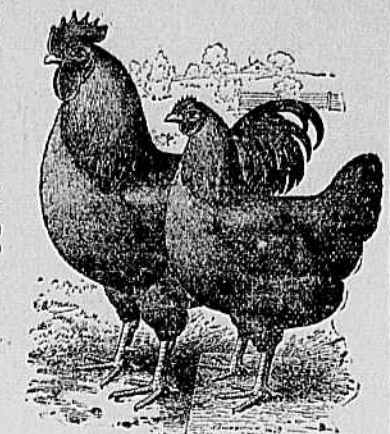
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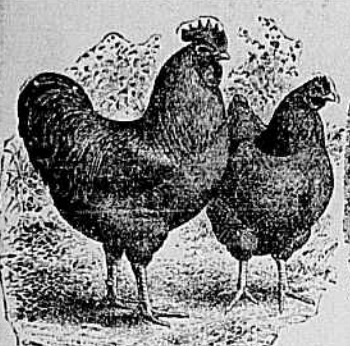
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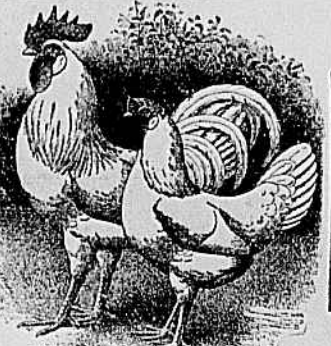
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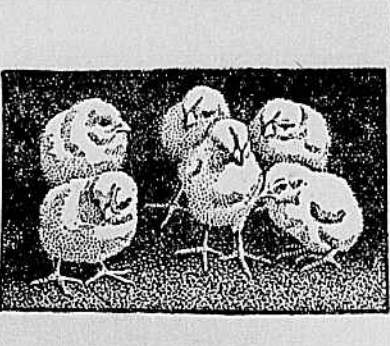
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POULTRY RAISING IS A REAL FINE ART

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Virginia poultry farms during the past week or two, and I have been converted to the idea that there is big money for Virginia in the fowl raising business if Virginia farmers and their good wives will go at it right. I am sure that among the henkeepers visited were the following: Cradup's in Henrico, George Guvernator's DeWitt Poultry Farm in Henrico, Barton Mountcastle's place in Barton Heights, Ballington's place in Highland Park, and W. R. Todd's in the same vicinity, Barton Grundy's in Henrico, the Sysonby Gardens in Dinwiddie county, of which Hon. W. B. McIlwaine, of Petersburg, is the proprietor, and Sam McEwen is the manager, and several others. Some of these are very large establishments and some are yet on the experimental order, but all are doing well and sowing some mighty good seed that in time will make many parts of old Virginia blossom as a rose.

The largest of the places visited carries a stock of over two thousand hens and cocks and its output of baby chicks will run from five to ten thousand a year. They are sold all over the country as baby chicks, and then as matured broilers, and the eggs for hatching purposes that are shipped are simply too numerous to mention. The hundred or more other places in Virginia where this kind of business is being done are improving the stock from season to season and showing Virginia and Southern farmers and housewives how it is more profitable to use only the best of stock.

Up-to-Date Establishments. There are various kinds of blooded fowls, and it is just according to the farmer's idea as to which is best to raise. Some like one breed better than others and confine themselves to two or three strains. Others take in the whole business and carry on the farms a dozen or more strains. I am advised that the safest and best plan is to

decide on two or three strains and stick to them.

I am as ignorant as one could possibly be about poultry raising and so I asked several of the enthusiasts I visited for a general statement as to how best to raise the fowls in Virginia. The consensus of opinion was that if a man wants to raise fowls right he should get ready for it. In answer to my question, "What is an up-to-date poultry plant?" I have the following written answer, and it is no secret that George Guvernator made the answer and it was endorsed by all of the other poultry cranks I talked to:

"It takes a good deal of money to make an up-to-date poultry plant, but after you get it you have it right there, and if you know how to work it some sweet day it will be profitable."

"Of course, a purchaser of stock acquires no interest in the plant where the birds are raised, but nevertheless he has, or should have, a very deep interest in knowing the conditions under which his stock was bred and reared."

"When a purchaser pays for stock he is entitled, in any event, to have the birds delivered to him in good condition, free from disease, vermin and filth. It is possible to raise a few chickens in old, dilapidated and unsanitary buildings and still keep them free from lice, germs and serious disease, but it is not possible to raise a number large enough so that one can be properly classed as a leading breeder under such unfavorable conditions and have the birds in fit and cleanly condition."

"Chickens can be successfully raised in inexpensive buildings and in open-front houses; hardy, vigorous and strong by intelligent care, good roosting rooms, scratching sheds, commodious nests, ample range where they can get sunshine, shade and grass. The colony houses should be models of comfort and cleanliness, so that each house could accommodate forty or fifty birds and stand in yards of ample proportions (50 feet by 200 feet), so that they have plenty of room for exercise. They should have plenty of pure water at all times, well-proportioned pure food suitable to the season, with clean, hygienic quarters, having always before them grit, charcoal and meat meal. This is a great factor in producing vigorous,

healthy and choice stock.

"The incubator room should be a semi-cellar built in connection with the brooder house, and as perfect and up-to-date as can be built."

"The brooder house should be well lighted and ventilated, and any modern system, of which there are several, installed for the care of raising your stock. They should be fed only on the best quality of feeds and other selected foods. They should never be fed slops or refuse matter; should always have plenty of pure water before them."

"Brooders should remember that many varieties require one mating to produce standard cockerels and another mating to produce standard pullets. This is called the double-mating system. There are numerous breeds where standard cockerels and pullets can be produced from a single pen."

"There are a great many labor-saving devices now on the market for feeding and watering. They should be installed, so a person may know the hen that lays from the hen that is worthless, which should be sold or killed."

"Cleanliness and care of plant should be always kept up to a No. 1 standing."

I could write on this chicken-raising question indefinitely, for I have on my desk a whole lot of literature bearing upon the subject. Literature that tells how to hatch, how to feed, how to water, how to exercise and drill the chicks and how to do everything else necessary to make a success of the poultry business, but all of this would largely overrun my space, and then, besides, these wideawake members of the Virginia Poultry Association, Incorporated, are here to furnish industrial editorials and information. And they will do it, too, on application."

NEW ENTERPRISES PLANNED FOR SOUTH

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N. C. was organized to build a yarn mill costing about \$275,000. Oak Leaf Coal Co., Cordova, Ala., was organized with \$50,000 capital stock and will install plant for a daily output of 3,000 tons of coal. Lunenburg Mining Corporation, Norfolk, Va., was incorporated with \$200,000 capital stock. Big Sandy Fuel Corporation, Dorchester, Va., was incorporated with \$500,000 capital stock. Farmers' Cotton Oil Co., Montgomery, Ala., was incorporated with \$75,000 capital stock. American Iron Works, Penn. City, Texas, was organized with \$50,000 capital stock. A plant to manufacture dredge machinery, marine engines, etc. Follansbee Brothers Co., Pittsburgh, decided to build two additional sheet mills. Install heating and annealing furnaces, extend hot mill, etc., for plant at Follansbee, W. Va. Mobile Column Co., Mobile, Ala., was incorporated with \$30,000 capital stock.

TO ATTRACT SETTLERS.

Fertile Lands to Be Cut Into Small Farms by New Owner.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Altavista, Va., February 26.—The Gordon farm, one of the largest and most fertile plantations in Campbell county, containing 1,000 acres, 450 of which lie in the rich Roanoke River bottoms, was sold this week to W. B. Ellwood, of Centerville, Va. Mr. Ellwood, the recent owner, will stand his plants in Washington State and purchase a farm there.

It is understood that the new owner of the Gordon farm will cut it up into twenty and forty-acre farms as an inducement to get Northern farmers to locate here.

VALUABLE BUSINESS ASSET.

What State Female School Means to Farmville Merchants.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Farmville, Va., February 26.—The State Female Normal School, at Farmville, is one of the town's largest and most valuable business assets. Aside from the aggregate of the various sums expended by the student body with the merchants of the town each month, which foots up in the thousands, the following amounts are paid by the school for its running expenses, much of which is afterwards spent with the merchants of Farmville:

Teachers' salaries monthly.....\$ 6,777.02
For maintaining boarding department.....5,166.60
For fuel—monthly.....400.00
For servants—monthly.....450.00
For laundry—monthly.....400.00
Total monthly.....\$13,275.40

It is needless to say that Farmville appreciates the great State Female Normal School.

A TWO-STATE ROAD THAT IS TO BE SOON

Mingea Is Hustling in the Great Southwestern Section—Big Railway System.

CHARLOTTE IS WIDE-AWAKE

Virginia-Carolina Towns Are Getting Together by Ties That Bind Them Very Closely.

BY FRANK S. WOODSON,

The Charlotte (N. C.) Observer of recent date gives a very interesting account of a supposed railway development that the Industrial Section of the Times-Dispatch has heretofore taken some special interest in. If I remember aright I was out in the southwestern part of the State several months ago, maybe a year or more ago, and made a tour over the Virginia-Carolina Railway running from Abingdon, in Washington county, up to the Tennessee line and touching on the North Carolina line.

I believe I went on record at the time as saying that that fellow, W. E. Mingea, who was at the head of this little thirty-five mile long lumber road, would sooner or later carry it down into the wilds of Tennessee and Western North Carolina and make a connection somewhere that would make it a part of a great through system.

This meeting the other day in Charlotte would seem to indicate that I was something of a prophet.

The meeting I am referring to was one called by the "Greater Charlotte Club" and was attended by delegates from Ashe county, N. C., and Jefferson, Wilkes county and Wilkesboro, Alexander county and Reidsville, also delegates from intermediate points. The object of the meeting was to formulate plans for bringing Charlotte into closer business touch with North-western North Carolina and Southwest Virginia.

The ultimate object is to make a short line from the Southwest Virginia coalfields to Charlotte, as well as provide a new short line between Charlotte (and central North Carolina), Southwest Virginia, East Tennessee and the great West. A glance at the map of Northwestern North Carolina and Southwest Virginia will show that this line will greatly shorten distances between points indicated, connect up the best city in Carolina with one of the best in Southwest Virginia, Bristol by name, as well as give a new short line for coal business into the Carolinas.

Of course Charlotte's live business people are wide awake to these advantages and it seems certain that this new line, terminating at Charlotte and connecting with the existing trunk lines there, will put that good city forward in the way of increase in business and population, more than any other thing that could be accomplished. Nearly all of the territory through which it is proposed to build this road is undeveloped territory, but rich in all natural resources as timber, iron ores and other minerals, agricultural products and fruit.

This appears to be practically an extension of the Virginia-Carolina Railway, which now runs from Abingdon in a southeasterly direction into East Tennessee, to Knoxville, Va., and to the edge of North Carolina.

The Bristol people, with their usual energy, seem to be alive to the advantages of this road, and the Herald-Courier is calling upon the people to take such action as will induce the new line to build into Bristol. The Charlotte Observer urges Charlotte to work for this new railroad.

The Times-Dispatch favors everything for the good of Virginia and North Carolina as a general proposition, and the industrial editor happens to know this territory and its resources, and believes this railroad proposition will be a success. The industrial editor also knows President Mingea, of the Virginia-Carolina Railway, and knowing what he has done in Southwest Virginia already, believes he can put through this extension without a doubt. The extension of the Carolina-Virginia line will be a good thing for the two States.

Charters by the State.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Raleigh, N. C., February 26.—The Hay Dress Company, located here to-day, with \$10,000 capital, the Incorporated by E. C. Sherrill, J. P. Sherrill and others for a drug business at Cornsboro, Hart county. Another charter is to the Holmes-Cathay Company, Salisbury, capital \$20,000, by E. J. Holmes and J. P. Cathay, for mercantile business.

MARKETS REPORT LIGHT RECEIPTS

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Sold from September 1, 1909, to February 25, 1910 5,600,000
Sold from August 17, 1908, to February 25, 1909 15,996,400
Decrease for 1910 6,395,800

The receipts of tobacco continue light, and indications are for light sales until there has been a good season for handling tobacco.

The offerings were largely of the medium grades. The proportion of fine leaf and wrappers was rather small.

The trade on some grades was not quite so active, but prices on all grades were well sustained at quotations, which were as follows: Lugs, common, \$5 to \$5.50; lugs, medium, \$5.50 to \$6.00; lugs, good, \$6.00 to \$6.50; leaf, common, \$5.50 to \$7.50; leaf, medium, \$7.50 to \$9; leaf, good, \$9 to \$11; leaf, fine, \$11 to \$5; leaf wrappers, \$15 to \$20.

Market Shows Upward Tendency.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Bedford City, February 26.—The tobacco sales have been some larger this week, owing to a partial season, but a whole undesirable amount of too much water having been used. However, the prices on all grades have been fully maintained, and the market has shown an upward tendency all through the week. Auctioneers have been particularly strong, the bidding on these and on good black wrappers being spirited. The sales in lots are about 75 per cent. in excess of the crop of last year, about 2,500,000 pounds having been marketed. Occasional piles of Burley are offered, and some fancy wrappers sold for \$12.50, and as compared with those of other tobaccos.

Petersburg Tobacco Market.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Petersburg, Va., February 25.—The market has been moderately active this week, with a few sales of \$15.00 per 100 pounds, and continues unfavorable for handling, and hence the comparatively light receipts. Prices keep up well, and wrappers bought this week as high as \$18 per 100 pounds. Planters and buyers are anxious for seasonable weather that the crop, two-thirds of which is yet in the barns, may be marketed. Quotations: Common lugs.....\$ 5.50 @ \$ 7.00
Good lugs.....\$ 7.00 @ \$ 8.00
Short leaf.....\$ 8.00 @ \$ 9.00
Shipping.....\$ 9.00 @ \$ 10.00
Wrappers.....\$ 10.00 @ \$ 15.00

Light Sales at South Boston.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] South Boston, Va., February 25.—The tobacco sales have been rather light during the past week. Tuesday the leaf was rather scarce, Thursday it was much heavier, but hail and snow prevented the sales from being larger. However, no large sales are looked for this season, as many of the planters have sold their entire crop. As the land has been wet for some time the preparation of plant beds has been retarded. Some fancy wrappers sold for \$12.50, and the average price during the week was good and entirely satisfactory.

Large Sales Continue.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Chatham, Va., February 26.—Sales of leaf tobacco this week have been very good, those of Wednesday being the largest since Christmas. Prices have ranged from \$45 per 100 down, and the greatest proof of the planters being well pleased is the continued large sales daily. The market has considerably passed the 2,000,000-pound mark, which is more than twice the total business of the last season. The warehouse forces are growing in favor of the farmers and leave nothing undone that will add to their friendship.

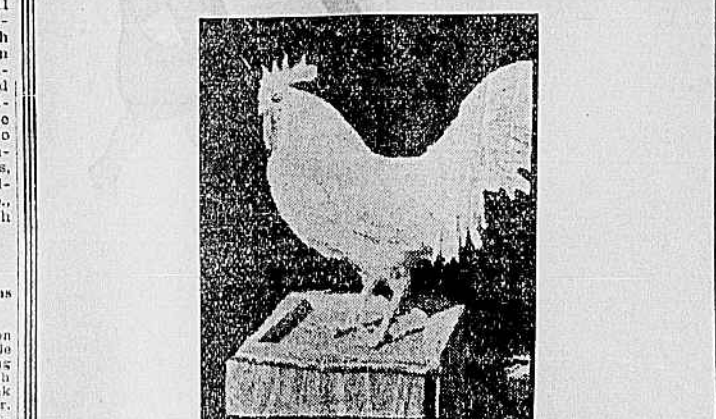
WINTER BASKET PICNIC TO BE HELD IN ALTAVISTA

First Meeting of Farmers' Institute and Horticultural Society.

Altavista, Va., February 26.—The Farmers' Institute and Horticultural Society of Campbell, Bedford and Pittsylvania counties will hold its first meeting in the American Tobacco Warehouse here, Thursday, March 2. It is to be an all-day meeting—a sort of winter basket picnic. The forenoon session will be devoted to the discussion of farmers' topics and crops of a general nature as well as the advantages of raising and feeding live stock, and will be handled by men amply able to discuss them from a practical standpoint. T. O. Sandy, of the Virginia demonstration work, will talk on corn and grasses, and will endeavor to organize a boys' corn club.

The afternoon session will be devoted entirely to horticulture, and in detail will be discussed the advantages of orchards, their suitability to this particular locality; the proper selection of an orchard site, and the proper planting of well-selected trees of the most advantageous varieties.

In addition to Mr. Sandy the speakers for the forenoon session will be Major Rice, of the Virginia Railway; Prof. Thomas, of the State Rural School Commission; W. B. Ellwood, of Centerville, Ind., and Dr. W. J. Quick, formerly dean of the V. P. I. The speakers on horticulture will include Prof. Harry L. Price, of the Agricultural College of V. P. I., President Gorman, of the State Horticultural Society; Colonel Henry C. Wyner and Hon. J. D. Watkins.



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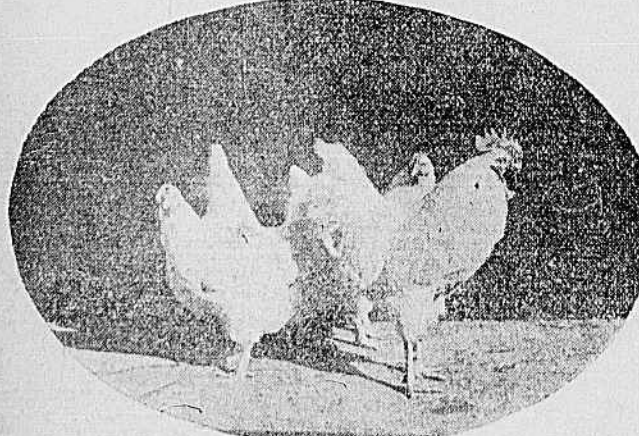
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